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SUPERSTORM AID

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The political tempest stirred up by superstorm sandy appears to have moved on after wreaking havoc among congressional republicans divided over how much aid to allocate to the victims. In a 241-180 vote tuesday night, the house approved \$50.5 billion in disaster relief for sandy victims. The senate is expected to accept the measure early next week and send it to President Barack Obama in spite of some democratic concerns that it doesn't do enough. "while the house bill is not quite as good as the senate bill, it is certainly close enough," said sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. House democrats supported the aid package in large numbers tuesday night, but substantial republican backing was needed for its passage in the gop-controlled house. There were 192 democrats and 49 republicans voting to pass the measure. The victory was tinged with some bitterness for northeast lawmakers who have complained that congress approved tens of billions of dollars in aid within days of hurricane Katrina but dragged their feet for more than two months on sandy aid.

DISPARITY FIRST- AND SECOND-GENERATION IMMIGRANTS

VO: 24

Hispanic first-and-second generation immigrants lag behind in stem degrees, compared to their asian immigrant counterparts. Ap photo/Im otero latino and asian immigrants and their u.S.-born offspring are studying in areas deemed critical - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - at different rates. A national center for education statistics report "new americans in postsecondary education: A profile of immigrant and second-generation american undergraduates," shows the differences are stark. About 25 percent of first- and second-generation asian-americans obtained degrees in the stem fields, compared with 14 percent of their latino counterparts, the report states. These two major groups also differed from one another on key socioeconomic characteristics, including age, low-income status, parents' education levels, and whether english was the primary language spoken at home, according to the study. The report excluded foreign students, which generally go into the stem fields at higher levels.

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FLU PREGNANCY STUDY

VO: 20

The research found no evidence that the vaccine increases the risk of losing a fetus, and may prevent some deaths. Getting the flu while pregnant makes fetal death more likely, the norwegian research showed. The flu vaccine has long been considered safe for pregnant women and their fetus. U.S. Health officials began recommending flu shots for them more than five decades ago, following a higher death rate in pregnant women during a flu pandemic in the late 1950s. But the study is perhaps the largest look at the safety and value of flu vaccination during pregnancy, experts say. "this is the kind of information we need to provide our patients when discussing that flu vaccine is important for everyone, particularly for pregnant women," said dr. Geeta swamy, a researcher who studies vaccines and pregnant women at duke university medical center. The study was released by the new england journal of medicine on wednesday as the united states and europe suffer through an early and intense flu season. A u.S. Obstetricians group this week reminded members that it's not too late for their pregnant patients to get vaccinated. The new study was led by the norwegian institute of public health. It tracked pregnancies in norway in 2009 and 2010 during an international epidemic of a new swine flu strain. Before 2009, pregnant women in norway were not routinely advised to get flu shots. But during the pandemic, vaccinations against the new strain were recommended for those in their second or third trimester.

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FDA APPROVES NEW FLU VACCINE

VO: 24

The F-D-A says it's approved a new flu vaccine that's made without eggs or the influenza virus. The vaccine called "flublok" is permitted for use in people 18 to 49 years old to prevent seasonal flu. The agency says the vaccine was created using dna technology and an insect virus. The fda says the new technology offers the potential for faster start-up of the vaccine manufacturing process in the event of a pandemic. Possible side effects include headache, fatigue and muscle aches. These symptoms are also typical for conventional vaccines.

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UN-UNEMPLOYMENT WILL RISE 5.1 MILLION WORLDWIDE

VO: 21

The global jobless queue will stretch to more than 200 million people this year, the international labour organisation (ilo) said in its annual report on tuesday, repeating a warning it has made at the start of each of the last six years. The united nations' jobs watchdog estimates unemployment will rise by 5.1 million this year to more than 202 million, and by another 3 million in 2014, following a rise of 4.2 million in 2012. If those predictions are right, global unemployment will hit a record. But the ilo has revised its jobless figures down each year as the number of those giving up the job hunt altogether swells, meaning they are no longer classed as unemployed. A reuters analysis of previous ilo reports shows that estimates of unemployment made in each of the last six years have subsequently been cut. The original 2007 joblessness figure of 189.9 million is now put at 169.0 million - 11 per cent lower.

HEALTH VACCINE BABIES

VO: 21

Nearly half of babies and toddlers in the united states aren't getting recommended vaccines on time, according to a study - and if enough skip vaccines, whole schools or communities could be vulnerable to diseases such as whooping cough and measles. ``what we're worried about is if (undervaccination) becomes more and more common, is it possible this places children at an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases?" said study leader jason glanz, with kaiser permanente colorado in denver.

GRADUATES AND DROPOUTS

VO: 31

A U.S. Education department study says the high school graduation rate nationally is the highest since 1976, but more than a fifth of students fail to get a diploma in four years. Officials say the steady rise of students completing their education is a reflection of the struggling economy and a greater competition for new jobs. The study released on tuesday says that across the U.S., the dropout rate for male students was 3.8 percent. For females, it was 2.9 percent. The dropout rate was higher among males in every state. The percentage gap between male and female dropouts was largest in connecticut and rhode island, at 1.7 percentage points. Many students who don't receive their diplomas in four years stay in school, taking five years or more to finish their coursework. The national dropout rate was about 3 percent overall, down from the year before.

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SUGARY DRINKS LAW

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The NAACP's new york state branch and the hispanic federation have joined beverage makers and sellers effort in trying to stop the rule from taking effect march 12. With a hearing set wednesday, critics are attacking what they call an inconsistent and undemocratic regulation, while city officials and health experts defend it as a pioneering and proper move to fight obesity. The issue is complex for the minority advocates, especially given obesity rates that are higher than average among blacks and hispanics, according to the federal centers for disease control. The groups say in court papers they're concerned about the discrepancy, but the soda rule will unduly harm minority businesses and "freedom of choice in low-income communities."

FAKE INGREDIENTS IN POPULAR FOODS

VO: 24

It's what we expect as shoppers-what's in the food will be displayed on the label. But a new scientific examination by the non-profit food fraud detectives the u.S. Pharmacopeial convention (usp), iscovered rising numbers of fake ingredients in products from olive oil to spices to fruit juice. "food products are not always what they purport to be," markus lipp, senior director for food standards for the independent lab in maryland, told abc news. In a new database to be released wednesday, and obtained exclusively by abc news today, usp warns consumers, the fda and manufacturers that the amount of food fraud they found is up by 60 percent this year.

DREAMERS LICENSES

VO: 24

Dreamers who are granted deferred action may get driver's licenses, the state's republican governor said tuesday. Gov. Terry branstad has asked the state's transportation department to review the issue following updated guidelines for the president's deportation relief program for dreamers. The department of transportation said in december that it would licenses to deferred action recipients, young undocumented immigrants granted a two-year deportation reprieve. That decision, the dot said at the time, was made because the program does not grant "lawful status" to recipients. But a recent update by united states citizenship and immigration services TO THE DEFERRED ACTION PROGRAM GUIDELINES SAYS THAT RECIPIENTS ARE LAWFULLY PRESENT.

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RI GAY MARRIAGE LATEST

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Legislation that would make rhode island the 10th state to allow gays and lesbians to marry still faces an uncertain future despite being overwhelmingly approved by the state house on thursday night. It could be weeks or even months before the senate takes up the bill that would make the ocean state the last in new england to recognize same-sex marriage, but supporters still celebrated the house vote. Ken fish, a gay man from warwick, showed up at the statehouse hours before the vote to ensure he got a seat in the crowded viewing gallery. While the house has a gay marriage champion in speaker gordon fox, who is gay, senate president teresa paiva weed opposes the legislation. The 51-19 house vote came after an often emotional debate that touched on civil rights, religion and the nature of marriage.

SMOKING SHORTENS LIFE SPAN

VO: 23

Smoking shortens life span by at least 10 years kicking the habit by age 40 reduces the excess risk of death by about 90%, new research finds. New research finds that women who smoke today have a much greater risk of dying from lung cancer than they did decades ago compared to those who never smoked. Smoking is top preventable cause of death in usa, women who smoke are now affected at similar rates for men. Smoking cessation remains less common in lower-income countries. People who smoke take at least 10 years off their life expectancy, a new study has found. On the other hand, those who kick the habit before age 40 reduce the excess risk of death associated with continued smoking by about 90%, according to the study in thursday's new england journal of medicine.

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GAS PRICES RISES 2 CENTS

VO: 27

Average retail gasoline prices in honolulu have fallen 0.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$4.01/g yesterday, according to gasbuddy's daily survey of 214 gas outlets in honolulu. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.31/g, according to gasoline price website gasbuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in honolulu during the past week, prices yesterday were 6.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

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ECONOMY IMMIGRATION

VO: 28

The sluggish u.S. Economy could get a lift if president barack obama and a bipartisan group of senators succeed in what could be the biggest overhaul of the nation's immigration system since the 1980s. Relaxed immigration rules could encourage entrepreneurship, increase demand for housing, raise tax revenues and help reduce the budget deficit, economists said. By helping more immigrants enter the country legally and allowing many illegal immigrants to remain, the united states could help offset a slowing birth rate and put itself in a stronger demographic position than aging europe, japan and china.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

MARÍA EUGENIA PAYÁN-MIAMI, FL

PKG: 2:00

President Barack Obama rolls into las vegas on tuesday, ready to double down on immigration reform. After failing to press the issue during his first four years in office, he has made it the top legislative priority of his second term. While the president will highlight immigration proposals in a speech at 2:55 p.M. Et, senior administration officials say, he will not introduce new legislation, at least not now. Obama came under criticism from latino activists for failing to deliver on 2008 campaign promise to make immigration

reform a priority of his first term. Last year, as his re-election campaign heated up, the obama administration announced a halt to deportations of some young undocumented immigrants in a move that delighted the latino community. Exit polls in november indicated latino voters gave overwhelming support to obama over gop challenger mitt romney, who had advocated a policy that amounted to forcing undocumented immigrants to deport themselves.

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OBAMA SPEECH ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

MARÍA EUGENIA PAYÁN- MIAMI, FL

PKG: 2:02

President Barack Obama spoke about immigration tuesday afternoon at del sol high school in las vegas. The president outlined a three-step approach to reform. His plan proposes smarter enforcement, a pathway to earned citizenship and improvements to the current legal immigration system.

ECONOMY WED

VO: 29

Expect sluggish economic numbers when they come out later today. Economists predict the slowest growth rate in nearly two years. But it may not be as grim as all that.

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